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This paper is in response to the first Office Action in the above-entitled application, mailed September 9, 2002. This response is timely because it is being filed within the three month period set for response.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Kindly replace Figures 1 and 2 with the attached.

In the Specification

Kindly replace the second full paragraph on page 5 with the following:

Referring now to Figure 3, the instrument cluster 100 includes a backplate 110 and a mask 112. The backplate 110 and the mask 112 are formed as a single component using a shot